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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Meetings of the Executive Board were held in Charleston on February 27, 1960 and in Morgantown on March 26, 1960. At least one more and perhaps two such sessions will take place prior to the annual conference.

I urge all of you to mark your calendar now for October 21-22, 1960. The conference site will be Wheeling with convention headquarters at the McLure Hotel. This will be our 45th anniversary meeting. You can help to make it the biggest and best by planning to attend.

I feel that a great deal has already been accomplished at this early date. However, there is still much to be done. For those librarians, trustees and friends of libraries from the Wheeling area who might consider volunteering to perform some good, hard work still to come, may I suggest that you contact Virginia Ebeling at the Ohio County Public Library.

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 29, 1960 shows a balance on hand of $1,515.24.

Membership in the Association, as of February 6, 1960, totals 110. Indications points to a successful year. Your cooperation is essential and solicited. You can help by reminding those with whom you are familiar to complete their renewals, as well as to invite those not presently enrolled by extending them invitations of membership.

The Executive Board approved the appointment of Mr. Robert Bullen, Consultant, West Virginia Library Commission as

State Executive Director for National Library Week 1961.

Miss Florence K. Reese, Chairman of the Department of Library Science at West Virginia University, attended the Morgantown Executive Board meeting and outlined the aims and needs of the Library School.

In anticipation of holding another Middle Atlantic Regional Library Conference in cooperation with state library associations from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and New Jersey, the Executive Board has authorized me to explore, together with my opposite numbers, the possibilities of holding such a conference in the year 1963. If favorable dates are to be secured, it is most important that plans and decisions be made at this time.

Nicholas Winowich, President
West Virginia Library Association

CAPITAL COMMENTS

by

Robert McClarren, Chairman
WVLA Legislation Committee

1960-61 is the fourth consecutive year the West Virginia Library Commission's state budget has been set at $99,000. The Commission requested $189,853, but the Board of Public Works recommended only $123,000, an amount which the Board mistakenly thought would qualify the State for maximum Federal funds under the Library Services Act. (Actually $127,076 was needed). The $123,000 included in the Budget Bills introduced in the Legislature was increased to the necessary $127,076 by the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates, but the Senate's Committee reduced the amount to $99,000. Both houses sustained the action of their respective finance committees, and the budget went to the joint Conference Committee for reconciliation of the difference. Unfortunately, the Senate Committee's recommendation prevailed, and the Conference Committee recommended $99,000, the amount finally voted by both houses of the Legislature.

Although the specific effects on the Commission's operations for 1960-61 are not yet known, the Commission's program obviously will be held close to the current levels, and West Virginia probably will not be able to qualify for the full Federal funds.

To be commended are the members of the House Finance Committee, who increased the budget recommendation to $127,076. Members of the Association represented by these gentlemen should inform them of the Association's appreciation for their efforts.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Earl B. Hager	(Logan)		

Also, the members of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate members of the Conference Committee, who apparently were responsible for holding the Commission's budget at $99,000 for 1960-61, should be reminded tactfully by Association members of their shortsightedness in this important matter.

SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Lloyd G. Jackson	(Lincoln)	A. L. Reed	(Preston)
C. Herbert Traubert	(Brooke)		

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Any information as to why, in the light of the Board of Public Works' and House of Delegates' recommendations, the budget was held at $99,000 or why the WVLA Legislation Committee was ineffective should be communicated to the Committee.

The support of the Commission's budget was the sole legislative activity of the Committee during this year's session of the Legislature. The Committee took an active part in promoting that budget through representation at the various hearings, in making individual contacts with members of these Committees, and by enlisting the help of librarians and trustees in contacting their representatives on the Finance and Conference Committees. Clearly this action by the Legislation Committee was not enough; the Committee is aware that for the next legislative program:

1. The membership of the Legislation Committee needs to be increased to provide wider geographical representation in the State.

2. A network of contacts across the State must be recruited and be prepared for quick action during the session of the Legislature.

3. The possible House and Senate members of the Finance Committee and the Senate Public Library Committee must be contacted prior to the legislative session and informed of the Association's objectives.

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The Legislation Committee is also concerned with Federal legislation, and in support of this concern has alerted librarians to bills or items of interest to special groups, and has written to and encouraged others to write to their Senators and Congressmen urging favorable action on library legislation.

Currently, 5 items of significance to every library in West Virginia are under consideration in Washington, and members should contact the appropriate legislators.Mrs. Margaret Bobbitt, the Association's Federal Coordinator and Committee member, should receive a copy of any communication which Association members send to or receive from members of the Legislature.

Library Services Act Appropriation, 1960-61. The House Committee on Appropriations has been having hearings on the appropriations request for the Library Services Act in the coming year. The fully authorized $7,500,000 is essential, and although no West Virginia representatives are on the committee, these following "neighbors" should be contacted.

Michael J. Kirwan (D., Ohio)
J. Vaughan Gary (D., Va.)
William H. Natcher (D., Ky.)
Daniel J. Flood (D., Penna.)
Ivor D. Fenton (R., Penna.)
Frank T. Bow (R., Ohio)

Library Services Act Extension. A number of bills to extend the Act for another 5 years and with the same or approximately the same provisions as the current act have been introduced in the House and in the Senate. Senators Robert Byrd and Jennings Randolph and Representatives Ken Hechler and Harley Staggers are among the sponsors of extension bills. Thanks to these men and letters urging the other Representatives from West Virginia to introduce legislation extending the Library Services Act are in order. These representatives are:

Arch A. Moore, Jr. (R.)	Dist. 1	Elizabeth Kee (D.)	Dist. 5
Cleveland M. Bailey (D.)	Dist. 3	John M. Slack, Jr. (D.)	Dist. 6

Depository Libraries. The Hays bill (H.R. 519), which would revise and liberalize the provisions for libraries designated as depositories of Federal documents, and which the American Library Association helped to draft, passed the House and now awaits Senate action. Interested librarians might write the following urging action:

Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.)
Theodore F. Greene (D., R.I.)
Thruston Morton (R., Ky.)

Surplus Property. At present, public libraries do not qualify for receipt of government surplus. An amended version of Senate 155 is now being considered in the House. Members of the House Donable Property Subcommitte, to which S. 155 has been referred, need to know the importance of this legislation. These members are:

John S. McCormack (D., Mass.)
John S. Monagan (D., Conn.)
Robert R. Barry (R., N.Y.)

School Aid Bill. Various education bills are under consideration and the ALA suggests that "Letters to House Members are needed if a good education bill is to be passed in Congress." Legislators should be informed of school library provisions which might be written into such a bill.

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The Legislation Committee now is considering items for inclusion in the Association's State legislative program for 1961, which will be submitted for approval at the Wheeling convention this fall. Among the items being considered are (1) the Commission's budget, 1961-62, (2) a bill permitting the pooling of funds by two or more levying bodies for public library operation, and (3) the creation of the position of State Supervisor of School Libraries in the State Department of Education. Comments on these proposals or suggestions for additional legislative items will be welcomed by any member of the Legislation Committee.

The members of the West Virginia Library Association's Legislation Committee are:

Mrs. Margaret Bobbitt, Reference Librarian, Marshall College (Federal Coordinator)
Mrs. Mary Louise Graham, Librarian, Beckley Public Library (Secretary)
Dora Ruth Parks, Executive Secretary, W. Va. Library Commission (Ex-Officio)
Dr. Roy Bird Cook, Trustee, Kanawha Co. Public Library (Vice-Chairman)
Robert Munn, Librarian, West Virginia University
Perry O'Brien, Trustee, Jackson Co. Public Library and Alpha Regional Library
Nicholas Winowich, Director, Kanawha Co. Public Library (Ex-(Officio)
Robert R. McClarren, Head Librarian, Huntington Public Library (Chairman)

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

SPECIAL NOTICE

The McDowell Public Library of Welch has been awarded one of the Dorthy Canfield Fisher Library Awards for 1960. The Award carries a prize of $1,000. The West Virginia Library Association extends heartiest congratulations to the Board, Staff and the many friends of the McDowell Public Library.

CLARKSBURG

Keeping the Clarksburg Library before the public are Miss Gladys Englehardt's weekly book notes for the newspaper, and Miss Ethel Green's radio broadcast on library activities and needs. For boys and girls, a Saturday Story Hour is conducted, and Art Exhibits from the schools have been arranged.

Mr. Clinton Israel, of the Library's Board of Trustees, has been appointed to serve on the AALT Workshop Committee for the 1960 Montreal A.L.A. Conference. He also attended this year's A. L. A. Midwinter Conference in Chicago.

HUNTINGTON

Adult Circulation reported an all-time circulation high on December 28, with 1079 items being loaned. Partly responsible for this, has, no doubt, been the Library's Public Relations program. A listing in the Library's publication, Fortnighter, shows five talks were made in one two week period. Robert McClarren spoke before the Optimists and two P.T.A.'s on Children's Reading and Interests, and led a discussion group at Marshall College on Barzun's "House of Intellect." Mrs. Sue Alexander talked to the Beverly Hills Woman's Club on "Library Development and New Books."

A contest to name the soon-to-be-delivered second Bookmobile is planned for boys and girls, similar to the one conducted for the naming of the present vehicle "Gulliver."

KANAWHA COUNTY

Exhibit materials featuring books, ceramics, paintings, hand-crafts and documents were arranged in the lobby and circulation department, many of them loaned by local people and groups. It is believed that the exhibits fulfilled their purposes--to provide display space for community interests, and to stimulate worthwhile reading.

MARTINSBURG

During February, the Junior Civic League, and in March, the Girl Scouts told stories to children in the Library on Sundays. The Friends of the Library have given the Children's Room new tables and chairs. The Young Adult Division, set up in 1959, is being actively used.

MOOREFIELD

The Library's drive for operating funds closed with about

$800.00 contributed. Although about $700 was cleared on the House and Garden Tour, this has gone to pay off the building debt, and will not affect the annual operating cost.

OHIO COUNTY

The coming West Virginia Centennial is stimulating interest in state history and creating an increased demand for books on the subject.

A special feature held in December gave the Librarians some interesting information on children's reading tastes by providing an opportunity for each child to "vote" for his favorite book. Names were drawn out of the pool and winners at Main Branches and Bookmobile, were mailed books for Christmas.

Ohio County Public Library is cooperating with the Wheeling Area Conference and Rotary Club in handling the new film "Wheels of Progress." It should refute some of the State's recent adverse publicity. Interested persons contact O.C.P.L.

Close cooperation is maintained with Wheeling Symphony and Frazier Concert organizations by the Music Department. They are notified each time which of the selections being played are available on records. This information is then printed on the concert programs.

Elm Grove Branch will receive a Traveling Collection from the Library Commission. Ohio County is the first to receive such a collection, and wishes to express its appreciation to the Commission.

RALEIGH COUNTY

Mrs. Mary Louise Graham reports that a "Friends of the Library" group has been organized. Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Beckley, it held its first meeting with 60 in attendance. From this organization a "Great Books" discussion group has been formed which also had its first meeting.

The Library is storing 10,000 books in its basement which belong to the Raleigh County-Fayette Regional Bookmobile program.

ST. ALBANS

Plans to build a new Library Building were announced at the annual meeting of the Directors of the St. Albans Public Library. The building will stand on a site already acquired by the Library.

SISTERSVILLE

The Public Library of Sistersville has been the fortunate recipient of a $10,000 gift from Mrs. Edwin A. Durham of that city.

Books and Pamphlets Added to the West Virginia Collection West Virginia University Library

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(Catalog cards may be obtained for all titles listed below)

Bond, Mrs. Sarah (Rider). Following the upward trail; incidents and experiences in the life of one plain woman who chose and sought the way of faith. 1925. [Cincinnati, God's revivalist press] 287p.

Booth, Osborne. The chosen people. St. Louis, Bethany Press. 1959. 264p.

Burke, William. The mineral springs of Virginia. Richmond, Morris & Brother. 1851. 348p.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. Route resorts and resources of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway of Virginia and West Virginia. Richmond, Baughman Bros. 1879. 48p.

Coal River Railroad Company. Prospectus of Coal River lands and railroad. 1897.

Craig, Edward M. Highways and byways of Appalachia; a study of the work of the Synod of Appalachia of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. [Kingsport, Tenn., Kingsport Press] 1927. 183p.

Darlington, L. Neil. A record of the early settlement of lower Loup Creek, Fayette County, W. Va., 1798-1865. Fayetteville, W. Va., Fayette Tribune. 1933. 68p.

Daughters of the American Revolution. West Virginia. Col. Andrew Donnally Chapter. McDowell County history; a pictorial history of McDowell County, West Virginia, covering both the old and the new. Fort Worth, Texas, University Supply & Equipment Co. 1959. 132p.

Donnelly, Clarence S. History of the Fayette Baptist Association of West Virginia Baptist Convention. [Oak Hill, W. Va.] Priv. printed. 1953. 21p.

Donovan, S. K. John Brown at Harper's Ferry and Charleston. Columbus, Ohio, F. J. Heer Printing Co. 1924. 46p.

Dragoo, Don W. Archaic hunters of the upper Ohio valley. [Pittsburgh, Carnegie Institute. Museum] 1959. 246p.

Flinn, Virgil L. Religious education in the public schools; a report for the Board of Education of the County of Kanawha. 1947. Charleston. 44p.

Germania Singing Society, Parkersburg, W. Va. Zum Fünfzig-Jahrigen Jubilaum des Germania Gesang-Vereins, Sept. 6-8, 1910. Parkersburg. 1910.

Goddard, Charles A. The Samuel Goddard families. Fayetteville, W. Va. 1935. [30]p.

Gresham, Perry E. Disciplines of the high calling. St. Louis, Bethany Press. 1954. 176p.

Harmer, Harvey W. Harvey W. Harmer completes 62 years of continuous active practice of law. n.p. [1954?] 9p.

Hilbish, Benjamin F. Tales of a frontier preacher. 1959. N. Y., Pageant Press. 156p.

Horn, Sallie C. The history of the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church and the founding of the Duckwall and New Hope Presbyterian Churches. 1944. [Berkeley Springs?] 14p.

Horn, Sallie C. A history of the town of Bath (Berkeley Springs, W. Va.) [Berkeley Springs, n.d.] 13p.

Hull, Ira S. History of the Frankford Methodist Church. 1941. [Frankford?] 23p.

Hundley, Rodney. Basketball-individual offensive. 1959. [Delray Beach, Fla., J. R. Gainsford] 20p.

Irvin, James E. A study of factors related to academic deficiencies in the public schools of Mason County, West Virginia. 1959. [Ann Arbor, Mich., Univ. Microfilms] 170p.

Kendall, Norman F. Mothers day; a history of its founding and its founder. 1937. Grafton, D. G. Smith. 48p.

Latrobe, John H. B. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad. 1868. Baltimore, Sun printing establishment. 26p.

Lunger, Harold L. The political ethics of Alexander Campbell. St. Louis, Bethany Press. [1954] 304p.

McAllister, Lester G. Thomas Campbell: man of the Book. St. Louis, Bethany Press. [1954]

McBurnie, James. A catechism for Romanists & Protestants respectfully presented to the citizens of Wheeling and its vicinity. Wheeling, Va., J. E. Wherton. 1848. 126p.

McDowell, Newton B. Life in the Irish Corner District during the Civil War (Greenbrier County, W. Va.) 1959. [Charleston?] John Young Chaper, D.A.R. 25, 118p.

Maury, Matthew F. The resources of the coal field of the upper Kanawha, with a sketch of the iron belt of Virginia, setting forth some of their markets and means of development. Baltimore, Sherwood and Co. 1873. 44p.

Morgan, John. The last dollar; or, Uncle Tom's cabin inverted and the Pilgrim's progress exemplified. Kansas City, Mo., Franklin Hudson. [1921?] 96p.

Munroe, Thomas M. Letter, and the answer of E. Fontaine. 1868. Richmond, W. A. R. Nye. 8p.

Ould & Carrington (firm). In the matter of the bonds of the State. Richmond, G. W. Gasy. 1870. 23p.

Panhandle Coal Mining Institute of West Virginia, Wheeling W. Va. By-laws, adopted December 20, 1920. [Wheeling?] [1920?] 7p.

Peter, Martin L. Aurora community. [Aurora, W. Va.] 1950. 44p.

Pritts, Joseph. Incidents of border life. Lancaster, Pa., G. Hills. 1841. 491p.

Pugh, Maud. Capon Valley; it's pioneers and their descendants, 1698 to 1940. [Capon Bridge, W. Va., c1946-48] 2v.

Red Sulphur Springs; a specialty for lung and throat diseases. Washington, R. O. Polkinhorn. 1880. 24p.

Reizenstein, Milton. The economic history of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad 1827-1853. Baltimore, Johns Hopkins Univ. Press. 1897. 88p.

Ridgway, Thomas S. Geological report upon the iron ore, coal and other mineral deposits found along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. N. Y. 1872.

Slonaker, Arthur G. A history of Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. [Ann Arbor, Mich., University Microfilms] [1959] 285l. (Thesis, D.Ed., Univ. of Va., 1959)

Snyder, R. N. Charleston, West Virginia. 1912. [Charleston, News-Mail Co.] [32]p.

Strother, David H. The capital of West Virginia and the Great Kanawha valley. Charleston, Journal Office. 1872. 32p.

Tipton, J. C. Charleston and its resources: picturesque, industrial, commercial; the capitol city illustrated. 1898. [Charleston, John T. Johnson] 104p.

Walker, Granville T. Preaching in the thought of Alexander Campbell. St. Louis, Bethany Press. [1954] 271p.

Wilson, L. Craig. School-community improvement. 1959. (350 page study. West Virginia, Greenbrier County is the area studied.) Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y. World Book Company, 1959. 350p.

A year's progress in Gap Mills Community, Monroe County, W. Va. [Gap Mills Community? 1922?] 7p.